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1. CAPT. SAVELIEV (MSC SECRETARY), WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VACATION IN MOSCOW, INFORMED US IN CONVERSATION AUGUST 23 THAT USSR DEFINITELY WILL SUPPORT ADMIRAL EDWARDS FOR PRESIDENCY OF SOLAS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21-NOVEMBER 1, 1974.

2. SAVELIEV EXPLAINED THAT DURING AUGUST LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN MOSCOW FROM UK GOVERNMENT ASKING SOVIET VIEWS ON WHO MIGHT BE PRESIDENT OF SOLAS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO SAVELIEV, DURING ABSENCE OF SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS REPLY HAD BEEN SENT TO UK THAT USSR INTENDED TO SUPPORT UK CANDIDATE (UNNAMED BY SAVELIEV) SINCE UK HAD TRADITIONALLY CHAIRED SOLAS CONFERENCES. THIS REPLY, WHICH SAVELIEV THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE BECOME AWARE OF, DID NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT USSR POSITION AND CORRECTION INFORMING UK THAT USSR WILL SUPPORT ADMIRAL EDWARDS SUBSEQUENTLY WAS SENT TO UK.

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